

MINUTES OF MEETING

On Tuesday, March 7, 2023, the DOTRA Directors held a Board meeting at Padrino's Restaurant. After establishing that there was a quorum present and following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order at 11:07 AM by President Clinton Griggs. The following were in attendance:

Andrea Mansfield	Clinton Griggs	Sandy Furness	Donna Troiano
Bob Miller	Mike Eckel	Frank Palise	Mike DeAngelo
Dave Bizuga		Ann Fratticcioli	

These Directors were absent: Janice DeJohn, Janis Stia, and Jay Johnston.

The minutes of the February 7, 2023 meeting were received and approved as corrected. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Sandy Furness and seconded by Bob Miller.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was presented by Dave Bizuga. Balance as of 2/28/2023 was \$16,126.74, including \$4,988.84 in the checking account. A motion to accept this report was made by Ann Fratticcioli and seconded by Mike Eckel. The report was filed for audit.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Ann reported for Janis Stia that there are two new members to add. Charles Filipowicz and Diane Stratton request membership (Charles-Life membership and Diane-annual) in DOTRA. Clint moved that we accept Charles and Diane's requests for membership; Andrea Mansfield seconded; the motion carried. \$40. was received for renewal of dues. One current member, Lauralee Rapple, upgraded to Life Membership. Total received \$200.00.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Nominating Committee –There are now 13 Board members for 2023--24.

By-Laws –Janice DeJohn was absent; there was no report.

Website – Ann reported that updates have been made or added as needed.

Employee Memorial Committee – Janice was absent; there was no report.

Historian –Mike has written an article **A Short History of New Jersey Part Three**. Part Three will appear in the May 2023 DOTLine.

Chaplain – It was reported that Peg Wieger (93)- member emeritus, Charles Edson (86) [and his wife Charlotte], Raymond Laird (80), Wayne Davis (98), [passed away on 12/11/22] and Jack Croteau (85) have passed away. Peg, Charlie and Wayne were DOTRA members.

Audit – The Audit will take place at the end of March. Mike DeAngelo was brought up-to-date by Dave Bizuga, who detailed the audit process, and Mike will join the audit committee.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Florida Luncheon---No update because Jim Dixon did not attend the meeting.

Happy Hour -- The February Happy Hour was on February 23, the fourth Thursday, at 4 PM at Jimmy's Sports Bar on RT130 in Bordentown. On March 23, we will return to Jimmy's. Ann will publish a notice on the DOTRA FaceBook page and the website. All are urged to attend this pleasant, informal event.

Spring Breakfast – The breakfast will be held at Town & Country Diner in RT 130 Bordentown on March 15 at 9 AM. The cost will be \$20.00 and the menu will be the same as last year. DOTRA will be subsidizing a small part of the breakfast cost. It was re-iterated that the 50/50 proceeds are not part of the profit/loss of each event and this amount is shown separately on the event summary sheet. Reservations for the breakfast were due on March 6. A flyer was in the February DOTLine. There are 46 reservations received as of today, but several more are expected to be received.

June Luncheon—Ann will contact Mannino's on RT 130 Yardville and confirm our reservation and get updated menu and prices. We are planning on Wednesday, June 14.

September Picnic—Mike has reserved MCP Rosedale Park picnic grounds for September 13.

TRIPS—No trips are in the pipeline currently; in general, any bus trip requires 50 participants. A trip to a Trenton Thunder game was discussed and Dave will look into it. It would not be a bus trip; everyone would get to Waterfront Park on their own; therefore, no commitment to a certain attendance number would be required. Dave will look into a Starr Tours trip to Washington DC and will create a questionnaire to determine the general interest of the membership in future trips.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business to report on.

NEW BUSINESS : The updated Activity Event Form will be put on the webpage and Dave distributed a copy to Directors. Our former Director, Andrea Parrella, has written a novel set in WWII Italy titled **Two Times Alive** which is available for purchase on Amazon. Congratulations, Andrea!

Since there was no additional business to report or act on, a motion to close the meeting was made by Dave and seconded by Mike and the motion passed. Clint adjourned the meeting at 12:08 pm. The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday April 4, 2023, at Padrino's. at 11 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Mansfield

Recording Secretary